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APOLOGY AND REPARATION.

Germany's apology and offer of reparation for the illegal attack on the British steamer *Sussex* is the sort of guarantee of good faith one nation should give to another.

It is a hopeful sign that the German promises contained in the last note from Berlin will be observed in spirit and in letter.

It is certainly sufficient to meet the proper demands growing out of the *Sussex* incident, and as related to the larger issues of the submarine campaign, it is a definite proof that Germany is striving to avert a break with the United States.

But the disavowal of the *Sussex* incident by no means answers all of the American demands. It is Germany's own fault that Americans will not accept her promises at their face value and insist that German actions now and in the future must be the reply. Twice in the months since the *Lusitania* was sunk Count von Bernstorff, presumably speaking for his government, assured a cessation of submarine outrages, but his assurances apparently went for nothing. So the last German note with its pledge of law observances has not satisfied and will not satisfy the American people. They insist that German policy at sea shall coincide with German profession of good faith in Berlin.

Only emphatic insistence by the United States has drawn from Berlin the apology for the *Sussex* attack. Once Berlin saw that it had to be made, the apology was made handsomely. But it was made only because Berlin had come too dangerously near the parting of the ways for further trifling with diplomatic evasions.

The issues opened by other submarine outrages, beginning with the *Lusitania*, are not yet closed. To speak frankly, we cannot expect the disavowal of the *Lusitania* sinking now. The German government at this date is extremely unlikely to risk the storm at home which such an action would cause. We must make the best of a bad situation—make the best of it because, as the controversy now develops, further insistence on a disavowal of the *Lusitania* attack would get us nothing. We have the pledge for the future, and if that is sufficient to safeguard neutral lives at sea, then those who went down in the *Lusitania* were not vainly sacrificed to a ruthless war-god.

To make good her pledges, Germany must modify her submarine campaign materially. With good grace or with bad grace, she must make her submarine commanders obey reasonable instructions. If that point is firmly established, then the United States has accomplished what it set out to do, though meanwhile there have been incidents which we cannot forget.

The *Sussex* apology has the aspect now of a real victory for President Wilson's new diplomacy. We say "new diplomacy" because it was not until he dropped the over-politeness of diplomatic phrases and brusquely told Germany it was "yield or break" that Germany yielded.

NO THREATS WANTED.

Any proposal of Japanese in Hawaii to advocate a "policy of retaliation" because of the Burnett immigration bill, is unwarranted, impudent and mischievous.

It is reported that if the Burnett immigration bill becomes law with the anti-Asiatic exclusion provisions included, the Japanese Association of Hawaii will urge the Japanese government to carry out similar measures of exclusion against Americans. Such an intimation, coming at the time it does—while the bill is before the senate and is being modified in Japan's favor—is nothing less than a threat, and a threat, which is entirely wrong.

The Japanese government is quite capable of negotiating with Washington without the assistance of trouble-makers in Hawaii. In fact, Ambassador Chinda's representations have already caused a modification of the Burnett bill by the senate immigration and education committees. Japan's wishes are being met, say Washington despatches. The Asiatic exclusion features are being removed.

Whether they are removed or not, Japanese in Hawaii are not warranted in meddling in international affairs with a threat of retaliation against the United States. The place for Japanese jingoism, if it is anywhere, is in Japan, not America. America has enough of her own.

Fortunately it is pretty certain that the great bulk of the Japanese in Hawaii, particularly the intelligent leaders of Oriental sentiment, have no illusions on this subject. They know

that no good end would be served by local agitation, and they do not indorse the minatory attitude of a few hotheads.

ON THE POLITICAL FIRING LINE.

Much criticism of the presidential primary is arising, now that many states have the system in operation. It is conceded in many quarters that as a means of expressing preference for leading candidate, the system is faulty.

Nevertheless, there are very interesting developments as the primaries are held. Here are some of the state results in brief:

Iowa—Senator A. B. Cummins led Col. Roosevelt with a vote of nearly 20,000 against about 5000, Justice Hughes running third and Henry Ford a bad fourth.

Michigan—Henry Ford led Senator Smith, figures still in dispute.

New Jersey—No column for presidential preferences in Republican primary ballot but many voters wrote preferences in. Roosevelt leading by wide margin, Justice Hughes coming second, Ford third, Root fourth and Taft fifth.

Massachusetts—In this state the political indications rest largely on the primary vote for delegates to the Republican convention. Massachusetts will send at least 32 out of 36 delegates unpledged. Four are said to be Roosevelt men. The anti-Roosevelt delegates easily led the Massachusetts ticket, Governor McCall, Senator Lodge, Senator Weeks and Ex-Senator Crane receiving the highest votes, while Charles S. Bird, the leading Roosevelt man in the Bay State, was nearly 20,000 votes behind.

Ohio—Former Senator Burton won by an overwhelming vote of about 150,000 to about 10,000 each for Col. Roosevelt and Henry Ford. Hughes was fourth.

George W. Perkins, like other Bull Moosers, makes the plausible statement that the Progressives won't insist upon the nomination of Col. Roosevelt but, to gain Progressive support, the Republicans must nominate a candidate who stands for Progressive principles. Inasmuch as the Progressives reserve the right to say whether or not any particular man is acceptable to them, the announcement means little except that Col. Roosevelt is considerably more than a passive candidate.

Rapid Transit officials have repeatedly said that they would acquiesce in a new charter which would insure them an eight per cent profit on the entire system. Attorney Withington yesterday nailed a story which purported to show that the company would reject any proposition to limit it to eight per cent profits. What the company declines to do is to agree to a plan which might in practical operation reduce their profits to one or two per cent.

Those who regard Henry Ford as a pacifist and an anti-militarist will be surprised to find him quoted as saying, "I wouldn't object to an army, say, of 250,000 men." Why, this is the very proposition the House has been bucking against! It is the limit in the Chamberlain bill. If Henry doesn't look out he will be dropped from the Pacifists' Union.

Our morning contemporary should hop onto Secretary of War Baker now. He received with "cordial thanks" Governor Pinkham's cablegram expressing the willingness of the National Guard to be of service.

Probing Brandeis is being done by installments. It looks as if the senate sub-committee on judiciary wished to give everybody a chance to "knock" this brilliant lawyer and fighter for the rights of the public.

After the battle-cries are hushed, when historians sum up the issues, how many names will stand higher in the roll of heroes of the great war than that of Cardinal Mercier—New York World.

Having suppressed the Irish rebellion, Great Britain is now going to investigate. Another brilliant instance of "muddling through" by a method unfortunately not confined to the British.

Germany having discovered who torpedoed the *Sussex*, the mysteries of the Arabic and the Persia may now be cleared up.

The Dutch still hold Holland, and, thanks to a definite measure of preparedness, nobody else is trying to take it.

SPIRIT OF SPRING TO BE SHOWN IN Y. W. C. A. FESTIVAL SATURDAY

The May festival to be given by the department of physical education of the Young Women's Christian Association next Saturday afternoon will celebrate the coming of spring with all the ceremonies usual to this occasion, together with certain innovations suggested by local customs.

The festival will begin and end with beautiful processions in which all the participants will have their place. Miss Winifred Guild will lead, bearing the queen's crown; the queen of the may, Miss Ramona Moxon, will be next in line; and the train bearers, Miss Helen Judd and Miss Caroline Shepherd, will follow. The next group will consist of the queen's lady, Miss Eunice Carter, and seven other attendants—the Misses Hazel Kellogg, Vivian Silva, Adair Leovy, Frances Hamlin, Ruth Carter, Shirley Foster and Leila Jameson. Then will follow the other groups of dancers in their varied costumes: Russians and Swedes, shepherdesses and wood nymphs, winds and children who play about the may pole.

After the procession the queen's lady will crown her, all the other participants kneeling during the ceremony. Then will follow immediately the dance of the queen's attendants in which Miss Carter will

take the leading part, while the others holding garlands of pink hibiscus will form about her a living circle of grace and beauty.

The children who will give the may pole dance are members of the advanced children's class, most of whom have now completed their second year of esthetic dancing. This class has also another number on the program, an esthetic dance entitled the San Toy.

The Honolulu queen of the may, like all careful sovereigns, has her jester, Miss Grace Morgan. The jester's antics are sure to cause much merriment not only for the royal court, but for the audience as well. This bit of fun will in no way detract from the general dignity and beauty of the festival.

At the close of the program the queen will present to each of the girls who have contributed to the afternoon's pleasure a lot of flowers. In this work she will be assisted by the class of youngest children, the wood nymphs.

The festival will be held at Arcadia, the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Frear, at 3 o'clock next Saturday. Tickets at 50 cents each may be procured at the Young Women's Christian Association.

Letters ON TIMELY TOPICS

(The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space for anonymous communications.)

GIVE THE KIDS A CHANCE

Honolulu, May 11, 1916.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.
Sir: It is said that "stone walls do not a prison make, nor iron bars a cage." This is the dream of a poet; for, surely the stone walls and the iron bars of the police station, although called, by some, a "detention home," do make in fact and in truth a prison, no place for delinquent or erring children.

Honolulu has, the last 15 years, taken on the growth and responsibility of other American cities, it has not taken up responsibilities as regards the children who are deficient by reason of birth, surroundings or parental neglect.

As a long-time resident and because of more or less frequent professional communication with the juvenile court and its patients, I am strongly of the opinion that the new home for the detention of delinquents who await trial and disposition should be away from the town—should be somewhere in the suburbs—and be a home that by contrast would be the opposite of the place whence the average delinquent comes; the suggestion of a woman probation officer, besides a man, now provided for, is a good one.

From the time the erring youths, or children are picked up they should be in the care and charge of some regularly appointed person at a regular home and with a plain home atmosphere.

The kids should not be in prison custody but under control.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

Honolulu, May 10.
To you, Mr. Laboring Man, who earns his living by the sweat of his brow, do you believe in the preparedness plan, and you ready to do the best you can if a foreign foe should attempt to invade our great and glorious land, or do you say, "Why, we have enough taxes to pay now, why should we go to the expense to prepare?" If you are a drinking man and spend a lot of money over the bar of a saloon, you should stop to think that the money you spend for booze could far better be spent to help to prepare our country from an invasion by a foreign foe. Remember, Mr. Laboring Man, if we are not prepared you will be one of the many who will have to dig, and dig hard, too.

To the preacher, also, who does not believe in the preparedness plan and says we should stand meekly by and let a foreign foe invade our fair land and do as they please. He says he would defend his wife from the ravages of a brute. I do not see how he could do so if he was not prepared. He gets up in his pulpit and preaches to man to prepare his soul to meet his God. If Mr. Preacher will stop to think and study he will find that God gave the birds of the air and the beasts of the field and jungle weapons with which to defend their homes and young ones, so that they could live

without molestation. In my opinion a man who talks about letting a foreign foe invade our country without trying to stop them has about as much spine as a jelly fish; even they have weapons with which to defend themselves. To the statesman who does not believe in the preparedness plan; who proclaims before the people that he is for peace at any price, and when it comes to do something big for our country quits us cold and goes around the country preaching his cowardly doctrine; I am thinking he will, when the time comes, have to do some digging, too.

To you who say, "Why should we prepare, we can take care of ourselves when the time comes," the time came one day down on the border of Mexico. Were we prepared? Those gallant men of the 13th Cavalry did wander but they were not prepared for what happened. What do you think, Mr. Man, who has a wife and children? Are you going to prepare to defend them or are you going to stand meekly by and see your wife assaulted or perhaps ravished and your children murdered before your eyes by a foreign foe? No, I do not think you will, that is, if you are a man. A preacher once said he would like to see the United States invaded; let the German armies invade the country without stopping them. I suppose he wants us to go down on our knees and beg their pardon for breathing the same air with them and let them rape and kill our wives and daughters. I wonder if that preacher read what they did to poor little Belgium. You probably will ask me, would I fight? Well, I should say I would, and to the last breath too, for I am for preparedness. I have served nine years in the regular army and half of that time in the Philippines. I am now in the National Guard of Hawaii. I have a wife and three children, two of them boys. I am going to raise and teach them to always be prepared and to love their flag and country and to be good, loyal Americans like their father. My forefathers fought and bled for the flag and country, so that we could remain free and equal. Do you think I would stand by and let a foreign foe undo all that they fought and died for? No, a thousand times no. My country, right or wrong; may she never be wrong. And all true and loyal Americans should say the same.

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—G. K. LARRISON: The proposed Kalakaua avenue paving scheme as devised by the city engineer's office which segregates the car tracks from that part of the street to be paved with concrete is the most feasible and sensible plan yet proposed. It provides a maximum of safety for pedestrians and street car passengers getting on or off cars; a large saving in the first cost and maintenance of paving, and less interruption of automobiles and other wheeled traffic than any other scheme.

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THE MEIJI SHRINE AND THE JAPANESE OF HAWAII.

The great advancement of the Empire of Japan as it is today is owing largely to the late Emperor Meiji.

It was His Majesty's most brilliant work building up the great empire into the power of today.

The Japanese consulate of Honolulu

has already received instructions from this organization for the collection of contributions from the Japanese subjects in this country. Our new consul has explained to us what we should do as subjects of the late emperor.

We are not in a position to tell what amount of money we must raise, but we must not miss such a good opportunity to prove our patriotic spirit toward the throne. Japanese in this country are new in a better condition of finance than before, on account of the higher wages that they are going to receive, and they are now able to offer some part of their income from the sugar plantations for such purpose. We earnestly hope that the 30,000 subjects of the Empire of Japan who have good homes in this country will make good, substantial contributions to this glorious work.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE COMMITTEE TO PASS UPON NEW FRANCHISE

The public utilities committee of the Chamber of Commerce will pass on the proposed amendments to the Rapid Transit Company's franchise at a meeting to be held tomorrow afternoon. A draft of the amendments has finally been secured by the committee. S. S. Paxson, a member of the committee, complained at yesterday's meeting of the chamber's directors that he had been unable to procure a copy and that consideration of the amendments by the committee was consequently held up. He feared that they would be sent to Washington before it would have an opportunity to express its opinion of them, he said.

MEXICO PROBLEM TO BE DISCUSSED THIS EVENING

"What Must We Do With Mexico?" will be the subject of discussion by D. L. Withington at the Thursday evening lecture at the Y. M. C. A. this evening. Mr. Withington has spent some time in Mexico and is familiar with the situation there. All members of the association and their men friends are invited to attend the lecture in Cooke hall at 8 o'clock.

Fully 90 per cent. of the Argentine railways about 20,000 miles, are managed by European engineers.

SOCIAL BEING HELD FOR DEPARTING FRIENDS

This evening at 8 o'clock in the church parlors of the Central Union church, will be held the last social affair of this spring. It will be exceptionally pleasant, and a good opportunity for strangers and new members to become better acquainted with the church and congregation. At the conclusion refreshments are to be served. It is wished by the women in charge that the attendance be large. Many of the members will shortly leave on their summer vacations, and several are to be away many months, so that this affair will be in the nature of a farewell for many.

GUILD HOLDS A DELICATESSEN SALE

The Women's Guild and Auxiliary of Kaimuki will hold a delicatessen sale at the corner of Fort and Beretania streets Saturday, May 13, at 10 o'clock. In connection with this sale the articles left over from the fancy table of the Cherry Blossom Fete will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

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